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Statement

Review

The International Academy of Ecology and Life Protection Sciences, an organization accredited to the Department of Public Information of the United Nations, has been granted Special Consultative Status at the United Nations Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC). Having made remarkable achievement in the areas of labour safety, industrial safety, ecological safety, environmental safety, life safety and emergency management, among others, the Academy has gained a worldwide reputation.

Background

The frequent occurrence of natural hazards and disasters triggered by unsustainable economic activities, such as pollution of water resources, air pollution (haze), land pollution and chemical fertilizer pollution, hazardous and noxious substances, nuclear and magnetic pollution, deforestation, sharp decreases of wetlands, offshore pollution, species extinction, food insecurity, epidemics, etc., have posed grave threats to human survival and economic development.

Concept

The International Ecological Safety Collaborative Organization advocates the harmonious coexistence and integration of humans and nature, and emphasizes that human beings are expected to understand, respect, protect and get along with nature, instead of wreaking havoc on the natural environment, taking natural resources for granted, arbitrarily exploiting or dominating nature. The harmonious consistence of mankind and nature is fundamental to the relationship between mankind and nature.

Priority

It is committed to the principle proposed by the Chinese government of promoting ecological civilization by respecting, obeying and protecting the law of nature, and the Vision and Actions on Jointly Building Silk Road Economic Belt and 21st-Century Maritime Silk Road (abbreviated as "Belt and Road" Initiative), and has gained worldwide attention.

Implications

The International Academy of Ecology and Life Protection Sciences has attached importance to the "Belt and Road" Initiative, so as to facilitate economic prosperity and regional cooperation along the Belt and the Road, reinforce the exchanges and mutual learning among different civilizations, cultures and beliefs, and push forward world peace and harmonious development. It is a grand undertaking, which brings benefits to people worldwide and has been supported by more than 60 countries.

At present, the International Academy of Ecology and Life Protection Sciences is carrying forward the post-2015 Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) and the World Ecological Civilization Declaration and Ecological Safety Action Plan.